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In re application of: Karpenko

Attorney Docket No.: VISAP022

Application No.: 09/390,937

Examiner: Dixon, Thomas A.

Filed: September 7, 1999

Group: 2161

Title: SELF-PAYING SMART UTILITY METER  
AND PAYMENT SERVICE

Confirmation No.: 7838

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(37 CFR §1.114)**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on July 22, 2003. (Any unentered amendment referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Fee for Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)	\$750 =	750.00
TOTAL		750.00
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- ☐ a. Applicant hereby petitions for a month extension of time.
- ☒ b. Applicant believes that no (additional) extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☐ c. Enclosed is our Check No. in the amount of \$ to cover the RCE fee, extension of time and additional fees.
- ☒ d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. VISAP022)

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